

## HOUSE RESOLUTION 67

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A RESOLUTION to recognize Charley Heath on the occasion of his retirement.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize, particularly on the occasion of their retirement, those estimable citizens who have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such outstanding individual is Charley Heath who has served with distinction throughout his thirty-one year tenure as an educator and school administrator in Cannon County; and

WHEREAS, born to the late John S. and Frances Pomeroy Heath, he learned the value of education and service to others at an early age; and

WHEREAS, while a student at Smyrna High School, Mr. Heath participated in the Naval Reserve program, and upon graduation he enlisted in the United States Navy and honorably and heroically served his country during the Vietnam War; and

WHEREAS, after his military service, he graduated from Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) with a Bachelor of Science degree, and he later obtained his Master's degree in Administration and Supervision from MTSU as well; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath began his illustrious career as an educator at Woodbury Grammar School where he served as a history teacher and the coach of the girls basketball team; and

WHEREAS, he has served as principal of Woodland Elementary School in Bradyville for the past twenty years, leaving his enduring fingerprint on the legacy of the school for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath has been a model principal and teacher in all aspects of leadership and learning, and he has demonstrated a sincere commitment to serving the students at Woodland Elementary School; and

WHEREAS, Charley Heath is an active and important part of his community, participating in such noteworthy organizations as the Lions Club; and

WHEREAS, having been in the service of the Lord as a minister for thirty-seven years, Mr. Heath has served as pastor of Plainview Baptist Church for the past twelve years, and he is renowned for his solid Christian belief and his role as a reservoir of faith and outreach to the people of Cannon County; and

WHEREAS, his many professional accomplishments aside, Charley Heath is most appreciative of the love, support, and companionship he shares with his wife, Sandra Heath; and

WHEREAS, Charley and Sandra Heath are the proud parents of their son and daughter-in-law, Charley M. Heath, Jr., and his wife, Jacqueline; and their daughter and son-in-law, Lisa Heath Simons and her husband, Brent; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Heath is also the loving and doting grandfather of Shelby E. Heath, Chase McKenzie Heath, Aaron Blake Simons, Jordan Heath Simons, and Brentley Madison Simons; and

WHEREAS, Charley Heath has played an active and important role in his community and profession, demonstrating the utmost professionalism, ability, integrity, and leadership; and

WHEREAS, he has spent a long and illustrious career as an educator and school administrator, earning the respect of his colleagues, faculty, staff, parents, and students alike for the exemplary quality of his work; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we honor and commend Charley Heath upon thirty-one years of exemplary service as an educator and school administrator, salute his commitment to the highest precepts of public service, and extend to him our best wishes for a happy and fulfilling retirement and every continued success in his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.